

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

About \$6,000,000 in gold is the Klondike output so far. Chatham's tax rate is 23 1-2 mills, and Woodstock's 20 mills. The Government will build an immense elevator at Montreal. John Klein, a laborer, was killed by a freight train at Berlin Friday. The population of Hull is 13,457, an increase of 1,080 in the past year. Vancouver Island, B.C., is rapidly developing as a mining centre. Warden Platt has introduced a number of reforms in the eastern penitentiary. The Montreal City Council has voted to borrow \$3,000,000 from the Bank of Montreal. The steamer Spartan was got off Thompson's Island on Thursday evening. William Saries of Stirling was killed Friday by falling from a load of hay. The new Queenston-Lewiston suspension bridge will be formally opened on July 21. Mrs. Bone, wife of Rev. Thomas Bone of St. Catharines, died yesterday morning. General Hutton says that military instructors down in Quebec should be able to teach in French. Thomas Ward's skeleton has been found at Ninga, Man., in a gravel pit. He disappeared five years ago. Henry Weldon Duggan, aged 7, Ottawa, was drowned in the Ottawa River on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Campbell Reeves of Montreal has purchased a controlling interest in the Kingston locomotive works. A G. T. R. sectionman named Lovell was seriously wounded by an engine at Aultsville, Friday. Pare and Holden sit in their cells at Nanapanee sullen, gloomy and brooding. Holden says he will not be locked up long. Quebec farmers are generally jubilant over the recent rains, as it will probably give them fine weather to harvest their hay. Because his leg was broken in three places while working for Richardson & Sons, Kingston, Joseph Cummings is suing them for \$7,000 damages. The melanistes peepers, or kissing bug, which has been causing trouble in the Southern States, is said to have made its appearance in Hamilton. Menier, to quiet the agitation over the Anticosti question, has raised the British flag over the public square at Bay St. Claire. The drivers and conductors of the busses run by the London street car strikers have been summoned for neglecting to take out licenses. L. McNeil Paisley, has been elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Young People's Baptist Union of America at Richmond. Dr. Nellie Skimmin, a graduate of Queen's and a qualified practitioner, was fined \$30 by the Police Magistrate at Hamilton for neglecting to register. The postal authorities are investigating the disappearance of a letter containing \$1,000, sent by W. F. Tidmarsh of Charlottetown, P.E.I., to his brother in the Magdalen Islands. Burglars on Monday blew open the safe in the London House Hotel, Chabville street, Montreal, and got \$35 in money, \$800 in notes and \$50,000 in mining shares. The new Nova Scotia loan of \$800,000 at 3 per cent. has been successfully floated in London, the average of the tenders being 95 3-4, and nearly twice as much being offered as required. A boy named Fectean, of Levis, Quebec, on Sunday night averted what might have been a bad accident to an Intercolonial train by giving timely warning that some large stones were lying on the track. The failure of the steamer Portia's patent log to register the full distance run is said to have been the chief cause of the wreck of that vessel on Big Fish Shoal, west of Halifax harbor, Monday night. The St. Ursule Dalls, of the Maskinonge River, Quebec, are for sale and some United States capitalists are negotiating for the purchase from the Industrial Society of the county of Maskinonge. The falls are desired for power purposes. British Columbia has just floated successfully in London a loan of \$340,000, \$1,700,000, at a fraction over 96. This is most satisfactory, being more than 1 per cent. higher than the best price obtained for any previous loan. The Province's credit is very good. Canada is the sixth maritime power on the globe. Great Britain is first with one-half the total shipping tonnage existing amounting to 9,760,033; United States, 1,837,729; Germany, 1,572,665; Norway, 1,545,822; France, 801,164; Italy, 730,953; Canada, 693,783. The total number of Canadian vessels is 6,643, of which steamers number 1,909, with an aggregate value of \$20,813,460. It is said that the Quebec Government intends to give effect to the scheme suggested by Lord Dufferin during his term of office in Canada for the beautifying of Quebec. A promenade is to be built from Dufferin terrace around the foot of the hill, completely around to the Parliament buildings. It is also proposed to con-

tinue the promenade along the wall, bridging St. John, McMahon and other places.

There is considerable anxiety in Hamilton over the numerous parties of Klondikers who left there a year ago last spring, none of whom had been heard from since last fall till Monday's despatches were published. These were very meagre as to the Hamiltonians, stating that Daniel McAuliffe had reached Dawson City and that Ed. Harris had been frozen so severely as to lose a leg by amputation, he being at Wind City.

During a heavy thunderstorm around Welland lightning struck Geo. Anger's residence at Sherkston and killed Mr. Anger and rendering Mrs. Anger and Miss Jennie Beam both unconscious. The lightning ran down the stove pipe through the stove and through the wall into the next room, where Mr. Anger was sleeping. Emerging one foot, it ran up to his head and down again. He was killed instantly.

Steamboat travel on the Ottawa River is decidedly cheap at present, in consequence of the rate war between the Ottawa River Navigation Co., and the smaller companies on the river. A trip to Thurso and return, a distance of 60 miles, may be made for 5c. The steamboat Princess Louise, owned by a rival concern, charges 25c, for the return trip from Ottawa to Thurso. Meanwhile the good people of Ottawa are enjoying almost free trips down the river.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Dominion Government's steamer Minto has been successfully launched from Gourley's yard London.

The historical estate of Imbercourt was sold at auction for £15,000. It was a favorite resort of Charles I.

One hundred and eighteen warships will take part in the British naval manoeuvres.

York and Canterbury Archbishops have declared the use of candles and incense illegal.

Australasia is to bear eight-eighths of the cost of the Pacific cable and Great Britain and Canada each five-eighths.

A copy of the first folio of Shakespeare was sold at auction in London for £1,700, a record price. The highest previous price for a copy was £715.

The House of Lords passed the second reading of the bill requiring shopkeepers to provide seats for their assistants by a vote of 73 in favor to 28 opposed. The Marquis of Salisbury, Prime Minister, spoke and voted against the measure.

The syndicate fund for carrying on the case of Mrs. Anna Maria Druce, who is endeavoring to prove that her father-in-law, T. C. Druce, was the rightful Duke of Portland, which has been raised by private subscription, now amounts to £10,000.

Capt. Frederick Watkins, of the stranded steamer Paris, whose license was suspended for two years, was to have left the sea of his own volition at the end of the present season. At Southampton he has a quiet home, where he intends to rest from his labors and enjoy the retrospect of a long and useful career.

The magnificent sword, enamelled and set with brilliants, with the inscription, "England expects every man to do his duty," and on the reverse, "Trafalgar," which was presented by the City of London to Admiral Lord Collingwood, who was second in command at the battle of Trafalgar, was sold at auction in London for £240.

The whole permanent staff of mounted infantry stationed in the barracks at Aldershot, which is among the largest army headquarters in the United Kingdom, has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to depart for South Africa at a moment's notice. Two battalions of mounted infantry stationed at other military centers, and several officers of the Medical Department, have also received word to place themselves in readiness for active service.

UNITED STATES.

General Wheeler has sailed for the Philippines.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard Dock No. 2 has collapsed.

A steel, iron and tube trust has been formed at New York.

Trade between the U. S. and Brazil is falling off, both in exports and imports.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Davis have left New York on an automobile trip across the continent.

A negro who murdered two white men, was hanged by a mob at Alma, Kansas, but came to life afterwards; but he cannot live.

A stroke of lightning restored the use of his arm, which had been useless for 13 years, to Eli Forbes, a farmer living at East Brookfield, Mass.

Advices received at San Francisco from Manila report that about twenty-five per cent. of the United States volunteers are on the sick list.

William Waldorf Astor, now resident in London, is fighting a personal assessment of \$2,000,000, levied in New York, on the plea that he is a non-resident.

Comptroller William J. Morgan has made charges against the management of New York reformatories for women which are sure to result in an investigation by the State Board of Charities.

Thousands of tons of iron ore have been purchased in Newfoundland by local capitalists for shipment to Philadelphia to be manufactured into steel.

The Distillery Company of America, with an authorized capital of \$125,000,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., to manufacture and deal in whisky, spirits, alcohol, gin and all distillery products and by-products.

The handsome stables of William C. Whitney, at Roslyn, L. I., were destroyed by fire Thursday night.

A glue trust has been formed in New

York, which threatens to invade the Canadian market. It has \$25,000,000 capital.

An order has been issued extending the privileges and production of the American flag to the shipping of Porto Rico and the Philippines. All ships owned by residents of these islands at the time of the exchange of the ratification of treaties are included in the order.

Roy Terry is at Jamestown, N.Y., Hospital in a serious condition, the result being initiated into Jamestown suit, it is alleged, of injuries received. Terry has placed the matter in the hands of an attorney, and demands financial satisfaction for his injuries.

Chas. Graham, the ballad writer, whose songs have been sung, played and whistled everywhere, is dead in New York. In spite of the great popularity of his songs, he is said to have died penniless. For most of his work he was poorly paid. One of his greatest successes, "Two Little Girls in Blue," brought him only \$10.

Almost complete returns to the Bureau of Immigration of immigrants arriving in the United States, for the fiscal year ending June 30, show an increase of \$2,579 over the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898. The number of immigrants arriving in 1899 was \$11,578, as against 229,299 for the previous year. Immigration in 1898 was the smallest for 10 years.

GENERAL.

Tasmania favours the Australian federation scheme.

English capital is taking the place of Spanish in Cuba.

Three more cases of bubonic plague are reported at Alexandria.

Newfoundland had a deficit of \$33,000 last year, but there will be a \$30,000 surplus this year.

Gen. Otis, the United States commander in the Philippines, has asked for 2,500 horses.

It is announced in Rome that the Vatican has decided to establish an apostolic delegatship in Canada.

There will be three months of court mourning for the death of the Czar-witch, brother of the Czar.

Three Cannonniers of the French artillery have been arrested on the frontier of Italy and taken to an Italian prison.

The celebrated Hindoo ascetic, Swami Bhaskarananin, who was visited by the Prince of Wales and all Indian tourists is dead.

Dreyfus refuses to seek damages from the State for false imprisonment, but for form's sake will enter suit for one franc or 20c.

The British ship Carle's Castle is reported to have foundered off Rockingham, western Australia. All hands on board were lost.

Prof. Merighi, an Austrian aeronaut, while making an ascent in his balloon on Sunday at Vienna, slashed the silk of the balloon and threw himself out of the car. He is now in a precarious condition.

The separatist uprising in the southern provinces of Peru is spreading, and the Government has sent 500 infantry and cavalry into the rebellious district.

Germany's exports to the United States for the quarter ended with June last were \$21,000,000, as compared with \$24,500,000 for the corresponding quarter last year.

The Rappel of Paris publishes a report that the Czar will visit Paris, Vienna and Berlin in August to confer with the respective Governments regarding the work of the Peace Conference.

An Imperial edict has been issued in speculation in the collection of the revenue, and appealing for a cessation of malpractices, which are increasing the country's financial straits.

A manifesto by the Czar says: "Henceforth, and so long as it may not please God to bless us with a son, the right of succession to the throne devolves, according to the precise definition of the law of succession, upon our beloved brother, the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch."

The Spanish Cabinet has accepted the offer of the Queen-Regent to assist the finances of the country by giving up another \$400,000 from the civil list of \$1,400,000 enjoyed by the King of Spain, exclusive of allowances to members of the Royal family.

It is said that the death of the Czar-witch, Grand Duke George, who passed away on July 10, was due to a bicycle accident. While wheeling over the hilly country about Abbas caused him such loss of blood that the Grand Duke died on the spot of the occurrence.

AUTOMATIC WEAVING LOOM.

German Discovery Which Makes a Great Saving in Weaving.

The Vienna Neue Freie Presse gives some interesting particulars of a new automatic weaving loom.

This machine enables the production of 100 yards of cloth in the same time in which the looms at present in general use produce seventy-five yards. It saves the waste of many pieces of cloth which are now rendered useless and thrown away.

In addition to several other technical advantages, the new loom is a labor saving contrivance, whereby manufacturers can employ one workman to supervise from fifteen to twenty machines at the same time, instead of three or four, as at present. The loom is said to be in use in many German textile factories.

Jewels and Superstition

The magic power of precious stones is a belief dating back to the ancients. The gift of eloquence is bestowed by the sardonyx, and Disraeli wore a ring set with this jewel upon all occasions when he wished to electrify auditors and win new adherents to his cause.

That this belief in the stone goes back into the centuries is evidenced by the fact that Pliny tells a story of an impecunious lawyer who hired a sardonyx with which to defend the cause of a certain fair widow possessed of great wealth, and he succeeded in winning both his cause and the widow at one and the same time.

The Princess Louise of Lorne wears a ring set with sparkling jet as one of her talismans, which is supposed to have singular efficacy in preserving health. So superstitious is the royal lady that sometimes she will not attend public functions, as agreed upon, upon the plea that she knows it will be one of her bad days. Quite as much as she treasures her jet ring does she value and consult the cards which are regularly sent to her from Paris. These cards are issued at the beginning of each year, and give a list of the "days and hours to be avoided" during the coming twelve-months.

The ancient theory regarding jet was that if powdered and mixed with wine, it was a sovereign remedy against toothache. It was also a marvelous discoverer of unfaithfulness.

The Shah of Persia is never without his cube of amber, which he wears around his neck. It is reported to have fallen from heaven, in the time of Mohammed. Among other properties it has also the power of rendering its wearer invulnerable. Domitian's hero used to wear a lock of his wife's hair about his neck, thinking it was beneficial because it was amber-colored.

Although many people believe that pearls means tears, the Rothschilds family refuse to believe that their fate may be influenced by precious stones. Upon the birth of every girl Rothschild baby six pearls are purchased, each costing \$500; upon each birthday six more pearls are added, so that when the young woman makes her debut she possesses a casket of magnificent gems.

M. Zola is embarrassed in the trivial details of his daily life by a host of superstitious fears and a belief in good and evil omens. His fancy takes the form of numbers, and 17 he abhors; and he carries a bit of coral as a talisman against the perils of flood and field and thunder, and a bloodstone because it means courage and wisdom.

Agate, which insures long life, health and prosperity, is the good omen worn by the German Emperor. The young Czar of Russia wears a ring in which he believes is embedded a bit of the true cross. Once while traveling from St. Petersburg to Moscow he suddenly found that he had forgotten his ring. The train was stopped and a messenger sent flying back in an express engine for it.

That "the ring of death" belongs in Spain is ominous. It is a rare and beautiful ring, but it is never worn nor kept in anyone's possession, as it is considered worse than the evil eye. This fatal ring hangs about the neck of the patron saint of Madrid in one of the most beautiful parks of the Spanish capital. It is of pearls and diamonds, but there is no special provision made for watching it, as a superstitious people like the Spaniards prefer to give it a wide berth, and there is no fear or hope of its being stolen. The story of the ring is a tragic one. It was made for the father of the present boy King and he presented it to Mercedes upon the day of their betrothal. Her married life was short. Queen Christina, the King's grandmother, next wore the ring but shortly after died, and the King gave it to his sister, Infanta del Pilar, who died within the month following. The ring then passed to a daughter of the Duc de Montpensier, and in less than three months she, too, died. The King, fearing its influence, put the jewel in his own treasure box. Before the year was out he died, and it was thought best to put the ring away from the living, hence it was hung about the neck of the statue, where, its history being so well known, it is deemed to be as safe as though surrounded by a cordon of police.

PARADOXICAL PROBLEMS.

The person who sets out to regulate his life according to proverbs will be in a quandary when he realizes how many of them have their "opposites." Here are a few examples:

"Marry in haste and repent at leisure," and "Happy is the wooing that's not long a-doing."

"A rolling stone gathers no moss," and "A setting hen gathers no feathers."

"A stitch in time saves nine," and "It's never too late to mend."

"There is honor among thieves," and "Set a thief to catch a thief."

"Discretion is the better part of valor," and "Nothing venture, nothing gain."

"The man who is his own lawyer has a fool of a client," and "If you want anything done well do it yourself."

SWINDLED.

De Tanque—Confound that hobo! He simply swindled me.

Guzzler—How?

Why he asked me for the price of a drink and when I gave him a quarter the mean slunk went and bought

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JAPANESE FREAK TREES

Some Curiosities in Botany Now in London.

At an exhibition of Japanese art now being held in London there may be seen some of the most remarkable trees in the world as regards size. Although perfect in every way as to trunk and branches of orthodox proportions, and leaves of correct shape and color, many of the specimens are not more than a foot in height.

By what means the Japanese gardeners managed to stunt the growth of the trees in this way is not known, for English nurserymen have not succeeded in discovering the secret which the wily little Orientals guard so safely. The miniature trees on exhibition now are not the first to be seen in this country, there have been occasional small consignments of oaks and maples of this kind, which have been brought up eagerly.

Some were as small as from four to six inches, but grew slightly afterwards. They have all the appearance of old trees, and do not look as if they had been forced or cut in any way. The rage for the tiny is characteristic of the people of chrysanthemum land. In every branch of art the more microscopic the work of the artist the more it is appreciated. There is more of art than nature in these lilliputian trees now in London. One wonders but hardly admires.

Another Japanese trick with plants is to elongate the roots, and then twist them into fantastic shapes or designs, so that they show above the ground, only the ends being buried in the soil.

How the plants manage to survive the ordeal is a mystery, but they do so, and appear to thrive well. Such distortions are, of course, of no service to horticulture, but they help to gratify the never-to-be-assuaged thirst which some people have for novelty.

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